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1. AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 2, REF A, SYG LUNS RAISED ISSUE
OF PERMREP PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX/CIMEX-79 AND THE NEED
TO AVOID SCHEDULING MEETINGS DURING THIS LENGTHY PERIOD.
LUNS MENTIONED THE REQUIREMENT FOR "AROUND THE CLOCK"
PERMREP PARTICIPATION DURING THE PERIODS IN WHICH THEY
PLAY. HE ALSO NOTED COST OF EXERCISE WOULD BE SOME
\$3 MILLION, WELL ABOVE THE \$900,000 AMOUNT HE HAD
ANTICIPATED. LUNS THEN ASKED PERMREPS WHETHER THEY WISHED
TO RECONSIDER THE AMOUNT OF TIME SET ASIDE FOR THE
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EXERCISE AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION.

2. PERMREP PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX/CIMEX-79 WAS ADDRESSED
BY THE DPC ON JUNE 29, 1978. AT THAT MEETING, THE DPC
AGREED TO THE PROPOSED EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS AND
PARTICIPATION BY PERMREPS DURING THE PERIODS OF MARCH 6
(PM ONLY - INITIAL BRIEFING); MARCH 13-17 (CRISIS MANAGE-

MENT, REINFORCEMENT OPERATIONS, REINFORCED ALERT AND GENERAL ALERT DECLARATIONS); AND MARCH 21-23 (NUCLEAR CONSULTATION).

3. COMMENT: THE CURRENT COMMITMENT TO THIS DEGREE AND LEVEL OF PERMREP PARTICIPATION IN WINTEX/CIMEX-79 WAS ACHIEVED LARGELY BY US, FRG AND UK INSISTENCE ON MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION BY THE DPC IN THIS EXERCISE. WE ANTICIPATE A REQUIREMENT FOR ONLY A SINGLE MEETING OF THE DPC EACH DAY EXCEPT DURING THE THREE DAYS OF NUCLEAR CONSULTATION, WHEN 24-HOUR PLAY MAY BE REQUIRED. UNLESS THE US CONTINUES TO PRESS FOR FULL DPC PARTICIPATION IN THE CRITICAL PERIODS OF THE EXERCISE, WE WILL LOSE THE MOMENTUM OF OUR PAST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT NATO HEADQUARTERS MAINTAINS A VIABLE AND CREDIBLE EXERCISE PROGRAM. WITHOUT SUCH A PROGRAM, THE POLITICAL COMMITMENT OF THE ALLIANCE TO CRISIS MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES BECOMES SUSPECT. FROM THE OUTSET OF PLANNING FOR THIS EXERCISE, WE HAVE CONSIDERED THIS AN ELEMENT OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE MILITARY READINESS OF THE ALLIANCE. WE RECOMMEND MAINTAINING THIS POSITION. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO CONTINUE EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR PERMREP PARTICIPATION AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY COB 2 OCT 78. BENNETT
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